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> Re: DOE on Great National Sunnyside Tar Sands Work DOE/007/003 Carbon County, Utah

Dear Fred:

Jack asked me to respond to your letter of April 11, 1980 and to thank you for your timely resolution of this matter.

We too believe that the work which Great National is doing is exempt from the requirements of filing a full scale mining and reclamation plan. When the exploratory work reaches a point where it will warrant expansion over the two acre and 500 ton threshold, the Division will entertain receiving that expanded plan for review and approval. In the interim, work may proceed.

When a Division inspector is in the area of Sunnyside he may take the time to look at the ongoing work. If any difficulties, such as potential violations, are noted, these will be reported to you for our joint resolution.

Please let Jack or me know if we can be of assistance to your efforts on this project.

Sincerely,

RONALD W. DANIELS COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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